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RE: Black Jewel Project,
Black Hills Project

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Dear Mr. Gallegos;

We have received information from your office regarding the Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations for the above referenced projects. It appears that these will involve only 2 and 3 acres of surface disturbance, and that the proposed onsite processing involves only blasting, loading and hauling of mined materials. No further processing of materials will be done at the mine site, which precludes the use of process water, chemical additives, etc.

The Division of Environmental Health has only one concern which may be worth mentioning here. That is the possible disposal of waste rock or other overburden materials which may be of a caustic nature. Drainage from such waste rock disposal piles could be of concern relative to both surface and ground water. However, according to your Operation and Reclamation Practices (item 11), and because there is no processing of materials proposed at the site, it would appear that waste rock disposal piles and resulting runoff will not occur and thus will not be a problem.

Since there will be no use of surface or ground water, either for drinking or processing; no wastewater will be generated; no hazardous materials proposed for use; no solid waste disposal; and no crushers or other generators of fugitive dust; there does not seem to be any other environmental concerns.

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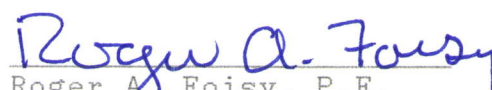
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We appreciate the opportunity for environmental review and input into these two proposals.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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cc: Brent Bradford, Division of Environmental Health
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